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The following records have been found by careful research in P. Morants History of Essex, England, and the Histories of Hartford, and Norwalk, Connecticut.

Olmsted Hall stands in the most northern parts of this parish near Castle-Camps and Ashdon; in which two parishes the lands belonging to it, do chiefly lie.

It was for a considerable time a Hamlet by itself, and a Castle Camps; though styled the village of Olmsted in Bumsted.

The house is very ancient and moated round: It was originally part of the De Vere Lordships of Bumsted Hall: and holden under them by the Olmsted's, namely Martie de Olmsted who gave the lands to the Fraternity of Knights Templars at Little Maplested.

Maurice Olmsted held it in 1242, in the Reign of Henry the Third.

William, his son in the time of King Edward the First 1272.

John de Olmsted who died in 1311 during the Reign of Edward the Second leaving William his son and heir.

Of this family was John Olmsted, Gentleman of Stansted Hall (See Morant's History of Essex, Eng.)

John Olmsted Gent. bought on the 1st of June, 1565, in the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, the Manors of Dynes, Hofdens, and Caxtons and also Great Maplested pur-

chased either 28th of November or the 10th day of December, 1571, the other moiety of John Scudamoire, Esq.

This John Olmsted was of the ancient family of Olmsted Hall. (See Morant's History of Essex, Eng.)

John Olmsted, Gentleman on October 12th, 1576 bought for the sum of 1120£ the site and mansion of the Maner called Stansted Hall, with the house edifices, gate house and buildings thereto belonging, and also; 136 acres, parcels of Stansted Park.

Bullock Wood, 24 acres; Loffenay meadows adjoining to the same 4 acres.

Scaldmoores meadows, 8 acres, to him and his heirs forever.

By a survey taken of this noble old seat 26th of April, 1553, it appears that it was a large brick building with area or court in the middle, surrounded with a moat partly filled with water, which was 44 poles in compass.

On the south side there was a large gate house, two stories high embattled with a turret at each corner.

On one side of the gate house was the porters lodge; and on the other side a house below, proper for a prison or such other purposes, as the Lord should appoint.

In the east side of the court there was five chambers below, and six above; and in the west side four chambers below and five above.

'Tis remarkable that those chambers had each two chimneys, and a house of office; which conveniency was it seems in every apartment.

A large Chapel as far as we can judge by the description formed the north side of the area. The whole stood within a Park, about four miles in circumference, reaching down to Parsonage Bridge; and containing 787 acres.

It had then 1,000 deer in it, and could well keep 500 deer, 40 horses and 20 milch kine.

Several large ponds were in it, and a pool, the fishery of which was valued at £10 a year; and it also had a Warren.

In this Park there were then 3,610 oaks of a hundred years growth, and 170 ashes, all timber.

But now in 1768, Reign of George the Third the greatest part of this house is demolished, and nothing remaining of the ancient structure, but some part of the kitchen and offices which serve for a farm house.

This John Olmsted was of the ancient family of Olmsted Hall, in the parish of Bumsted Helion.

He was Master of Horse to the Earl of Oxford, at Castle Hedingham.

GENEALOGY OF THE AMERICAN BRANCH OF THE OLMSTED FAMILY.

Richard Olmsted born in England, 1607, came from Braintree, England, Sept. 16th, 1632, with his brother John, and his Uncle James in the ship Lion.

Great, Great, Great Grandfather of S. E. Olmsted (Mrs. W. H. Ashbee).

(He), Captain Richard Olmsted settled at Cambridge, Mass., and was afterwards one of the original proprietors of Hartford, Conn., 1636. Removed to Norwalk, Conn., 1651 and with others purchased the township from Rodger Ludow, Esq., June 19th, 1650.

He was first in the town in Military Command, and in 1653, he was a Representative to the General Assembly May Sessions until 1679.

Captain Richard Olmsted married, died about 1684 in Norwalk, Conn.

Great, Great Grandfather of S. E. Olmstead (Ashbee) is first descent from Capt. Richard Olmstead.

Lieut. John Olmsted son of Richard Olmsted was baptized at Hartford, Conn., Sept. 30th, 1649, married Mary Benedict July 17th, 1673, died.....

John son of John 2nd in descent from Capt. Richard Olmsted.

His son John was the oldest of his ten children.

Samuel and Richard Olmsted, sons of John and Mary Benedict Olmstead, with others purchased the townships of Ridgefield, Conn., Sept. 30th, 1708, of Catoonah Sachem of the Ramapos Indians of New York State. 2,000 acres for £100.

Great Grandfather of S. E. Olmsted (Ashbee) 2nd in descent from Richard.

John Olmsted son of John Olmsted and Mary Benedict Olmsted, his wife born Oct. 24th, 1679 at Fairfield, Conn. married....., died.....

Grandfather of S. E. Olmsted (Ashbee).

Major David Olmsted son of John Olmsted and his wife, born May 10th, 1754 at Ridgefield, Conn., married Mary Whitlock.

Major David Olmsted 3rd in descent from Capt. Richard Olmsted.

David Olmsted, Esq., died June 11th, 1824, Mary Whitlock Olmsted, his wife died December 6th, 1817.

This part containing rank and services of Major David Olmsted is all that you require for membership of Sons or Daughters of the Revolution.

Major David Olmsted enlisted as a corporal, 4th company, Captain Joseph Hart, 7th Regiment Conn. Militia; Col. Charles Webb August 7th, 1775. Sargeant in Captain Benedict's Co. Col. Bradleys, Battalion, Conn. Militia, Aug. 22nd, 1776.

Captain in Col. Roger Enos' Regiment Conn. Militia, June 3rd, 1778 (on the Hudson) Captain in Col. Bezaleel Beebe's Regiment in spring of 1780 (service along the Hudson River).

At the time of Tyrone's invasion of New Haven, July 5th, 1779 Captain Olmsted's Company turned out to repel the enemy.

Captain in Conn., Provincial Regiment, March, 1781.

Major David Olmsted, was one of the officers of the Provincial Regiments ordered by the General Assembly to be raised and put in readiness to march on the short-

est notice, in case his Excellency, General Washington should call them.

Major David Olmsted and Mary Whitlock Olmsted, his wife, had nine children: John, Betsey, Chloe, Rachael, Deborah, Jesse, David, William and Sophia.

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David Olmsted third, son of Major David Olmsted, married Sarah Elliot, December 20th, 1817— had five children: John, David, Chauncey, Rebecca and Sarah.

Sarah Olmsted, second daughter of David Olmsted marriel William H. Ashbee, September 24th, 1856, had eleven children: Cora, William, William, David, John, Eleanor, Charles, Gilbert, Sara, Louise and Samuel.

William Henry Ashbee, 2nd son of
William H Ashbee and Sarah Olmsted was
born July 18, 1862 Died Dec 14, 1927
Jersey City, N.J.
Married Belle Lilly Barrett. Dec. 15, 1886
Died Aug 9, 1927. Olmsted, Ill —
13 Children.

Eleanor Hammen b. Oct 30, 1886 D 7/5/58
William Henry 1st B. Jan. 24 1888 D 7/21/58
Charles Elliott B. Jan. 13. 1890 D. 8/22/1970
Willard Thorpe B. Aug. 2, 1891 D. [illegible]
Elizabeth Barrett B. July 29, 1892 D July 27 1953
David Olmsted B. Oct. 14 1893 D. Nov. 24 1967
Isabelle B. Oct. 26, 1894
William Henry 2nd B. Jan 31 1896 D Oct. 12 1895
William Henry 3rd B. July 24 1897 D. May 1, 1958

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